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UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

16 July 1963

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chairman, Economic Intelligence Committee  
Chairman, Guided Missile and Astronautics  
Intelligence Committee  
Chairman, Joint Atomic Energy Intelligence  
Committee  
Chairman, Scientific Intelligence Committee  
Chairman, Committee on Overhead Reconnaissance  
Chairman, Interagency Clandestine Collection  
Priorities Committee  
Chairman, SIGINT Committee  
Chairman, Critical Collection Problems  
Committee

SUBJECT : Priority National Intelligence Objectives (PNIOs)

REFERENCES : a. USIB-D-25.1/6, 13 June  
b. USIB-D-25.1/7, 8 July  
c. USIB-M-278, item 3, 10 July

1. In its consideration of references a. and b., the United States Intelligence Board directed the PNIO Review Committee to report to USIB within a couple of weeks regarding the present practices of USIB committees relative to the implementation of the PNIOs, and to clarify the intent and purpose of its last recommendation in USIB-D-25.1/6.

2. Mr. Ray S. Cline as Chairman of the PNIO Review Committee has designated representatives who will confer with you pursuant to the above directive, and requests your cooperation in providing the necessary information regarding your committees. 25X1A

cc: PNIO Review Committee  
Members

Executive Secretary

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~~1. Approval of Minutes~~

~~2 July Meeting  
(USIB-M-277)~~

~~Approved as circulated.~~

~~2. Watch Committee Report~~

~~No. 672~~

~~Approved as amended.~~

3. Priority National Intelligence

Objectives (PNIOs)

(USIB-D-25.1/6, 13 June;

USIB-D-25.1/7, 8 July;

USIB-M-276, item 10.b.(2)(d))

The Chairman referred to recent discussions he had had with the Director of the Bureau of the Budget during which two related questions were raised: first, whether the intelligence community should establish its own objectives and priorities, or whether the intelligence users should so task the community; second, whether USIB has management authority over intelligence activities or left these matters largely up to individual components of the community.

The Director of Central Intelligence explained the authority which he has in such matters as contained in a memorandum to the DCI from the President dated 16 January 1962.

The Board then turned to a discussion of changes proposed by the DIA member in Appendix A to USIB-D-25.1/6, with particular reference to a proposal that primary emphasis be given to those objectives relating to an immediate military threat to U.S. security, e.g., Objectives 1 and 2.

After further discussion, the USIB took the following actions:

- a. Noted the Chairman's statement that USIB should consider and discuss, at an early date, whether it should

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exercise more specific management responsibility with respect to the programs and activities falling within the purview of the intelligence community.

b. Deferred action on USIB-D-25.1/6 to permit further study by Board members in the light of the discussion, especially as to the changes proposed by the DIA member.

c. Directed the PNIO Review Committee to report to USIB within a couple of weeks regarding the present practices of USIB committees relative to the implementation of the PNIOs, and to clarify the intent and purpose of its last recommendation in USIB-D-25.1/6.

4. Situation in South Vietnam  
(SNIE 53-2-63)

- a. Approved as amended.
- b. No member raised objection to the release of this estimate to USIA.

5. Soviet Capabilities and Intentions  
to Orbit Nuclear Weapons  
(NIE 11-9-63)

After a full discussion, USIB approved NIE 11-9-63 as amended at the meeting, subject to referral of paragraph 49 and the last sentence of paragraph 50 back to the Board of National Estimates and USIB representatives for review in light of the discussion, and telephonic concurrence by USIB members in any proposed changes therein.

6. The Situation and Prospects  
in Brazil  
(NIE 93-2-63)

- a. Approved as submitted.
- b. No member raised objection to the release of this estimate to USIA.

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